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JUDICIARY EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

During a ceremony today in the State Supreme Court courtroom, Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon recognized Hawai'i State Judiciary employees and groups for their outstanding contributions to the state court system.

The highest award presented under the Judiciary's Employee Incentive Awards Program, the Distinguished Service Award, was presented to **Elberta Usui**, Office of the Chief Court Administrator, First Judicial Circuit (O'ahu). This prestigious award, which has been presented to only 10 individuals in the past 22 years, honors employees with at least 15 years of service who have exhibited exceptional skills and abilities in improving operations and providing exemplary service. Her many accomplishments include implementing and overseeing a state-of-the-art computer system, which computerized the processing of juvenile cases from a manual system. Usui joined the Judiciary in 1976.

The Meritorious Service Award honors individuals and groups who have consistently maintained a high level of excellence on the job and have improved the efficiency and operations of the Judiciary. Individuals awarded the Meritorious Service Award were **Corinne Gushiken Miyazu**, Probation Services, District Court of the Third Judicial Circuit (Big Island); **Rockne Maunupau**, Juvenile Detention and Shelter Services Branch, First Judicial Circuit; **Iris Murayama**, Office of the Deputy Chief Court Administrator, First Judicial Circuit; and **Barbara Tomita**, Recruitment and Examination Branch, Human Resources, Support Services Division, Office of the Administrative Director.

In the group category, recipients were the **Driver Education Division**, Fifth Judicial Circuit (Kaua'i); and **Restitution Recovery Enhancement Project**, First Judicial Circuit.

Spirit of the Judiciary Awards recognize employees who convey a helpful, courteous attitude and a positive image of the Judiciary. This year's recipients were **Amy Donlin**, Office of the Chief Court Administrator, First Judicial Circuit; **Kathryn Nishiki**, Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Office of the Administrative Director; **Wanda Shimizu**, Traffic Violations Bureau, Fifth Judicial Circuit; and **Susan Vidad**, Staff Attorney's Office, Office of the Administrative Director.

Certificates of Commendation are awarded to groups and individuals for their superior performance. Individual recipients were **Pamela Martin**, Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Office of the Administrative Director; and **Dorothy Morioka**, Documents Section, Second Judicial Circuit (Maui).

In the group category, Certificates of Commendation were presented to the **LSI-R Trainers, Interagency Council on Intermediate Sanctions**, Adult Client Services Branches, First, Second, and Third Judicial Circuits; and the **Clerical Support Unit**, Adult Client Services Branch, Second Judicial Circuit.

The 15 awardees were selected from 50 individual and group nominees. A volunteer committee chaired by Intermediate Court of Appeals Judge Daniel Foley carefully reviewed the nominations and presented their recommendations to the Chief Justice for his selection.

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